

Have the
photo of g. grandfather
Daws to return to Sydney
you when I come to Sydney.

12 Barwon St.

Kalam 2617

8-3-83.

Dear George and Shirley,

I apologise that I have taken so long to reply to your letter received just before Christmas. As I was away almost all the holiday break I did not get any letter writing done or continue with documentation of 'family tree'. I have felt guilty since your phone call to me over two weeks ago George and have daily intended writing to you. Thank you for the photos forwarded.

Johanne and I have decided to visit Sydney next Saturday week for a couple of days as it is Canberra Day on Monday 22nd, a holiday here in Canberra. Johanne wants to look at the shops in Sydney and I will enjoy the day with her. I do not know if Hans will accompany us as he really does not like window shopping.

While in Melbourne, Australia Day weekend, I managed to obtain, on loan, several old family photos from them so thought you may like to study them for there are several of your family. If you do have some spare time during the weekend I would like to get together for a couple of hours to compare notes. As yet I have not had time to follow up the information them gave me regarding the 1st Government House in Melbourne. This requires some reading & research. I am getting to the stage where I will be able to chase up the known members of the other 'Daws' branches. If we are to get a 'reunion' of the 'Daws clan' we have 5 branch lines to follow. To date we have almost documented our own line.

Within a couple of weeks I hope to receive replies to letters written to members of our family for the last details of.

a few descendants. With commitments to my job and teaching I have had very little time to date for research this year. I agree entirely with you that we must reach as many different family groups as possible if we are to get a successful reunion organised. I have joined in active membership at the Genealogy Society in Canberra so as time permits I will search their various records for information which may be pertinent to our family tree. Last week, while on duty at the library, I learned a little about the "International Genealogy Index", Mormon records on Micro Fiche film. While just scanning the name "Budge" and "Peter" from Cornwall, England I may have found the records of the marriage of my great-great grandparents - will have to check further but names, dates and places indicated a correct reference. No one can tell me anything about this marriage beyond a 'John Peter' married a 'Miss Budge'. There are several factors which point to it as the reference I require. I have written to relatives in England to check some of my assumptions. This reference is to my father's family line.

I am searching the Family indexes for any reference to others who are tracing the family name 'Daws' - will look through the English references when time is available - no leads to date.

It is now 12:30 A.M. and I still have a pair of trousers to lengthen for Johannes's boyfriend before he departs for New Zealand in the morning. I had a school meeting to attend this evening, then school preparations of lessons to complete so am not left with much time on such evenings.

I will be staying with the Godden family at North Rocks again. If I do not hear from you before Saturday week I will ring you when I get to Sydney after 3-4 P.M. I realise this does not give you time to make arrangements as you like to do but this is a hasty decision once again.

12 Barwon St

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27-3-83

Dear George,

As promised, a photostat copy of the Daws Family History is enclosed. Tanya photostated it on Friday for me but it is not as clear as I expected; their photocopier has been causing trouble lately.

During the past week I have not had time to look further into any family other than finishing off the gaps in the 'Mitchell' branch. I phoned Robert Mitchell's wife before leaving Sydney on Monday evening and called to see Geoff Mitchell here in Canberra on Tuesday evening. He knows very little about the 'Daws' family as his mother Mansell moved to Sydney shortly after she was married and they had very little contact with her side of the family. Evidently his brother, Robert & wife Ruth are more interested in family history than Geoff and his wife. He did tell me that his mother is visiting them in Canberra next month and suggests I see her when she is here. She may be able to put a little of the family history of their line together for us.

Hans has just been presented with a Saxophone (on loan) to play for a while - about 20 minutes ago - and already he has a tone (between squeaks etc) being produced. He has not played a sax for 30 years - as he says one never forgets an acquired skill. Hans plays or has played 3-4 musical instruments throughout his life but for the past 12 years has concentrated on playing the Organ. Tuition in all fields of music has been negligible, for Hans only had piano lessons for 2 years at the age of 7-9 years. He said that he hated the lessons and wagged as many as possible. After an hour or so we will all be calling for ear muffs or plugs.

if the volume of sound continues.

The rain has eased here in Canberra after 3-4" falling during the week. Fortunately we did not have quite the deluge Sydney experienced. The weather is gradually warming up as it appears to have done in Sydney during the week.

I have not yet received any information from Melbourne regarding Martin family where there are still many gaps. If this information is not forthcoming before May, I will again contact these people when in Melbourne.

When in Melbourne I may be able to get some leads on the other 4 brothers (1854) who came to Australia with our forefather, George Robert Daws.

Do hope that you may have some success if you find time to ring the Daws in the Sydney phone book. I found two in the Canberra phone book so will contact these shortly. We know that they will either belong to the descendants of the other 4 brothers or other Daws' that migrated from England. My mother has recently contacted a relative of a Rev. Daws, now about 80-90 years old, having discovered that he does not belong to the family of Robert & Martha Daws.

Do hope you are able to follow my format for our family history.

Regards to you all.

From Joyce Vasey.

26 Bent Street,
Greenwich N.S.W. 2065
3 April 1983

Dear

Joyce

As you will see from the attached, the typewriter and photocopier have been put to good use lately.

I will be mailing on Tuesday next a package of information to the seven people you suggested, to enlist their aid to you and I to get more facts and to try to get the family reunion going. The package contains a standard letter, a list of the names of the seven people, a simple "tree" to illustrate the sort of data we have collected, a photocopy of some of our forebears, and a copy of part of the history. On this last item I just wanted to give them enough to interest them - something like the serials we used to see at the pictures when we were children. Tease them a little by withholding a lot of the information.

Also I have typed up a short letter, copy attached, which I will be mailing to the 11 Daws listed in the Sydney telephone directory. As you said, one never knows just what might come out of this.

Enclosed is a copy of everything I have sent out, to keep you in the picture.

Cheers

George

5 April 1983
26 Bent St.
Greenwich N.S.W.2065

Dear

This is a standard letter which I am writing to a few of the Daws descendants on behalf of Joyce Voigt and myself, both Daws descendants.

Over the years past both Joyce and I separately have been gathering information relating to the Daws family with the objective of compiling a family history. We are now working together to achieve two things. One is to produce and to distribute to those Daws descendants who would be interested a copy of the fruits of our labours. We hope to be in a position to do this by July this year. The other is to organise a family reunion.

The purpose of this letter is to acquaint you of our intentions and to stimulate your interest to assist us as follows:

1. Please spread the word around and encourage others of the Daws descendants to write to or phone Joyce or myself. To date we have traced about 145 direct living descendants of the 5 Daws brothers who migrated from England to Victoria in the mid nineteenth century.
2. The basic information we are collating is full name, date and place of birth marriage and death, occupation, spouse details, and occupation.
3. Regarding the proposed family reunion, ideas will be needed. Current thoughts, (NOT firm plans) are:
 - a) March/April 1984. Climate suitable and it gives us time to plan the event properly.
 - b) Somewhere in Melbourne. Most of the living descendants are there.
 - c) Ideal venue would be an open air space for picnic/ barbecue, with an adjacent covered area for a static display of photos, family tree etc.

- d) A need to establish an enthusiastic and energetic committee in Melbourne, to plan organise and conduct the event. Joyce and I will assist, but as Joyce lives in Canberra and as I live in Sydney it would be quite difficult for us to do justice to the task.

Can you help? Will you help please?

To whet your appetite, enclosed is just a sample of information "in the rough". Our final product will be a lot more professionally presented.

Joyce can be contacted as follows:

Mrs. H. Voigt,
12 Barwon Street,
Kaleen A.C.T. 2617
Phone 412144

Sincerely,

George Stevens

(Phone 431142)

GEORGE STEVENS STANDARD LETTER DATED 5 APRIL 1983 WAS ADDRESSED TO

Lorna Stephen
10 Susan Court
Mount Waverley Victoria 3149.

Neville Daws
22 Grace Avenue
Dandenong Victoria 3175

Colin Martin
304 Union Road
Balwyn Victoria 3103

Lois Bardsley
40 St. Albans Road
Mount Waverley Victoria 3149

John Crellin
57 Albert Hill Road
Lilydale Victoria 3140

Robert Mitchell
40 Baronbali Street
Dundas N.S.W. 2117

Ruth Clarke
17 Fernwood Avenue
Ringwood East Victoria 3135

In addition, copies were sent under cover of a short explanatory letter to the 11 "Daws" entries in the Sydney telephone directory.

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26 Bent Street,
Greenwich
N.S.W. 2065.
5 April 1983

Dear Daws Family

As you will see from the attached, I am involved in the research of a history of one branch of the Daws family.

My project partner, Mrs Joyce Voigt of Canberra, and I are keen to follow up any leads which may give us more information for our records. We obtained your address from the telephone directory on the off-chance that there may be a connection.

We would be most interested to hear from you if you feel that from the information enclosed there could be a connection.

Yours faithfully,

George Stevens

George Stevens

40 Baronhali St

Dundas 2117

8th May 1983

Dear George,

Thank you for your letter of 5th April. We have been interested in the family tree and were interested to know that you and Joyce have gathered information.

We have sent a copy of the letter, photos and family tree to Bob's mother, Mansell Mitchell, his brother, Geoff and his sister Joy Reme (in Brisbane).

Bob, the children, and I would be interested in a family reunion and willing to travel to Melbourne. We suggest that it might be held at Easter next year as Good Friday is 22nd April. This would enable the people living away from Melbourne more time to travel and make more time for visiting closer relatives.

We hope that we can meet in the near future and that your plans go ahead as anticipated.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Mitchell.

Telephone No 638 4179.

22 Grace Avenue,
Dandenong, 3175
Victoria.
16/5/1983

(03) 7922 922

Dear George,

Thank you for your letter etc. of 5th April. Please accept my apology for delay in replying but I was anxious to provide some positive details to Joyce and yourself when doing so.

Sincere congratulations to you both in your persistent investigations so far, and the quality of what you have presented to us. I am impressed with the method of documentation i.e. the numerical method of identification, also copies of photographs.

I have shown your letter etc. to my son and his wife, also my two daughters and their husbands. They are all interested and would hope to attend any re-union arranged.

Of those mentioned in your letter, who you have sent copies to in Victoria, I have spoken to the following on the phone to determine the extent of their interest :

Lorna Stephen. Enthusiastic and willing to be on a Victorian committee.

Colin Martin. Colin has not been home when I have phoned, but I have arranged to speak to him on Wednesday night. His wife, Dorothy, indicated he was interested.

Lois Trevaskis. (nee Bardsley) Willing to assist committee.

John Crellin. John was not at home. His wife, Pat, seemed enthusiastic and indicated she would assist committee.

Ruth Mollison. (nee Clarke) Would be willing to assist committee.

Harold Clarke, the husband of the late Emmie Daws, died on 4th May. At the "Thanksgiving Service" held on Sunday afternoon 8th May I spoke to George Daws who lives at 10 Austral Terrace, Morphettville, 5043, South Australia. He indicated he was interested, you may care to keep him informed.

About 12 months ago my son, Graeme, and his family attended the Centenary Celebrations of the Lilydale Baptist Church (Victoria) where he and his wife, Barrina were married. At the same function there was a Mr. W.J. Daws of 95 Mountain View Parade, Rosanna, 3084. He indicated to Graeme he may have some family history of interest to me. (continued)

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I tried several times to phone this Bill Daws, with out any success, as he had changed his number to I.S.D. I finally contacted him last Friday and regret to say there is no connection as far as we can trace.

His grandfather was Sidney, whose wife was Ellen. Sidney arrived in Australia in 1891 on a boat called "Yarramonga". He was in the Queen's Hussars in the UK., but ended up as a butcher in Brunswick (Victoria)

Concerning the proposed Victorian Committee, I would be willing to be Convenor, if you so wish.

As Easter 1984 is 20th April, March may be a more suitable month to hold a re-union.

12th March is a "Labour Day" holiday in Victoria. This is when the "Moomba" procession is held in Melbourne.

Three suitable venues possible:

(a) Fitzroy Gardens There is a restaurant on site but would be too crowded because of Moomba. No B.B.Qs.

(b) Wattle Park There is a large restaurant on site with some B.B.Qs. It may be possible to arrange a space in the restaurant to display photos.

(c) Jell's Park, Glen Waverley This is a very large area with plenty of B.B.Qs. and parking. No cafe or restaurant, but an Administrative Building, on site. It may be possible to arrange a space for display purposes.

I am enclosing a "tree" relating to 2.6, and there from, for your records, George. I sent a copy of this to Joyce, via her sister, Gladys, some months ago.

Thank you for your interest on behalf of the immediate Daws survivors.

Yours sincerely,

Neville
(N.G.DAWS)

p.s. I am sending a copy of this letter to Joyce for her information.

July 23 1983

London.

Dear Joyce & Hans

As I start to write this letter, it is 5.30 PM on a steamy hot afternoon, and the noise in London pours in the hotel room. It is a fascinating place to visit, but I would not want to live here. In the 2½ days we have had, we have crammed a lot of sight-seeing in but only scratched the surface. Tomorrow we head off for the Counties and that will be the end of our London stay.

Measured in terms of results achieved, the search for Dawu Liang has not been successful. In terms of peripheral information gained, the 4 hours we did spend was most interesting, and perhaps will be useful at a later date. I will explain this in the next few pages, and I would appreciate it if you could photocopy this letter for me please. You will see why I ask this as you read it through.

The trail started at St Marken in the Trellis church, then to the Chapter House clergy office, then to the archives section of the Victoria Library, Buckingham Palace Road SW1. It is about ½ Km from Victoria station. Best means of getting there from the centre of London is to take a #24 red bus.

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At this section of the library I found a microfilm with the details of marriage of Francis Saws, a minor, to Lucy Santi, also a minor, on 25 July 1852. The Archivist on duty was most helpful. The following is a summary of what she told us:

1. A photocopy of the marriage certificate could be arranged if I wanted one. It would take a few days.
2. The source of information to check back on Robert Saws would be the Census returns for 1841, 1851, 1861. These could be researched in the Census Room, Public Records Office, Portugal Street WC2.
3. Another source would be the Mormon microfilm in the Manuscripts Department of the Guildhall Library. [The Archivist was talking quite rapidly and I am not certain if she said this was in Aldermanbury Street, or a district called Aldermanbury. I think it was the former.]
4. Yet another source was Boyd's marriage index c 1535 to c 1837. Copies were held by the Society of Genealogists 37 Harrington Gardens London SW74JX. Best access from the central London district was by Tube to Gloucester Road station then a short walk.
5. At the library where we were, we searched Roberts London Commercial Directory - various years, and Pigot's Metropolitan Directory London & Middlesex, with the following interesting results:
a) Pigot's 1827 - Saws Robert, Cabinet Maker, 17

- Camden Square
- b) Robsons ^{1838 Vol 1} - Daws R. Patent Recumbent Glass Manufacturer
17 Margaret St. Camden Square
- c) Robsons 1842 - Daws R. Patent Recumbent Glass
Manufacturer 33 Edgeware Road.
- d) Robsons 1846 - Daws Robt. 19 Upper Dorset Street
Bryanston Square.

[Incidentally, the handwriting on the marriage certificate of Francis and Lucy shows Francis at the time of marriage to be residing at what looks like *Trayne Street W1. The London Street directory does not have a Trayne Street W1 but it does have a Trayer Street, near to Great Ditchfield Street which was where Lucy Sarti lived. As Francis was a minor at the time of marriage it is quite likely that he lived with father Robert. Thus it seems that between 1827 and 1852 Robert lived in no less than 4 houses, or the addresses above in a) b) c) d) were business not private addresses]

Having limited time at our disposal, we decided that the place which might give us the more options of research was to be the Society of /4

* Trayer Street is in Marylebone, near Manchester Square just near the N.E. corner of Hyde Park

Genealogists, so we proceeded there. After an hour of searching Boyd 1801-1837, for every county including Middlesex, Yorkshire and adjacent counties, we could find no reference to a marriage of Robert Daws and Martha Clampney. However, in "looking outside of the 9 dots", Shirley discovered a record of a marriage in 1813 between a Henry Dawson and Elizabeth Clampney at Campsall Yorkshire [Boyd 1801-1837 Yorkshire page 115]. The year 1813 was too early for Robert Daws marriage, but as Clampney is a most unusual name, there has to be a connection.

As our time was almost up, we did a random search of the book cases to see what we could find.

† Some, but not all Boyd volumes have the maiden name of the wife listed also. The name Clampney in all counties is quite rarely found.

† On page 2 of this letter, paragraph 3, I think the address is Marylebone library, Marylebone Road London NW1 5PS phone 01-8288070 extension 4030. [Archives section] Open Mon 6 Fri 0930-1900, Sat 0930-1700

found by accident. We came across a book titled Directory of Yorkshire Volume 1 1822 by Barnes and Parson. This has a number of pages on Pontefract and while it did not mention any Daws, it was of interest. The book is located in the Farrow Room, ground floor on the Yorkshire shelves left hand side as one walks into the room.

At this stage we had to give the search away. Some lessons I learned were:

1. Carry a tape recorder - vital to capture all the information when a knowledgeable person is speaking.
2. Learn more about the possible sources of information
3. Join the Society of Genealogists before leaving another foray.

I couldn't help feeling a sense of history when I was looking at the record of Francis and Lucy's marriage because it was almost the anniversary of their marriage - just 2 days short of 131 years ago.

That's all for now. Let's see what I can uncover in Yorkshire

Beers

George & Shirley

12 Bawson St.

Kalam 2617

18-12-83

Dear George and Sherly,

Thank you for the letter and information received from London nearly five months ago. When I had the time and inclination to answer your letter you were still overseas and since I have either been ill or occupied with home and teaching commitments. Today Hans has photocopied your letter so I will enclose it with this letter.

Did you discover any further information while in York or other areas of England, concerning our "Daws ancestors"? I was in Melbourne for 3 days in September vacation and made some further progress in identifying descendants of Edward Daws - brother to George Robert, our great-grandfather. I visited Phyllis Pedrick and she was able to give me several contact names of the various branches of their family. These I have contacted and some I have visited and talked to in Melbourne and Geelong. Edward's descendants appear more interested in the family history than our own family.

Phyllis Pedrick produced a small photo of Robert & wife Martha, taken in 1865 in London, on Whit Sunday. I borrowed the photo from her and have had a negative made and had several prints taken from it already. I have sent some to Edward's descendants in Melbourne and one to George Daws in Adelaide and now am enclosing one for your collection.

I visited Thelma Brellin - a daughter of Robert & Laura Daws - she is now 80 years old, as my mother will be on Saturday. While there she produced an old family album and gave me a photo of our great-grandfather - the same photo that you gave me a couple of years ago to take to my mother to identify. She also had one of my grandfather taken in South Africa about 1900. Do you recall having a photo of my grandmother printed for me? Could I have or borrow the negative as I want to get several prints

developed for my children's records. I am getting all reproduced in Sepia tone as this looks very similar to the old original photos of early times. George Daws, daughter, Lynette, is very interested in the family history so I am sending her a set of photos. George lent me 2 that I am having reproduced at the moment - about 3 months later than I should have completed the pictures. I can only state that ill health, teaching and home commitments have taken toll on my time this term. I am very much in need of the break now. Following our family history and researching details is relaxing for me providing I am not being pressured by other important issues - my job, home needs, etc.

I rang Neville Daws in September and he has been unable to get anyone to help him organise a "family reunion". We both felt that without the support of the family group that it was too late to organise for 1984. In September I managed to get considerable information and documentation of Edward's family commenced. I hope to have the major part of this completed while in Melbourne in January. From studying the Wills & Probate records at the Public Record Office in Melbourne I have listed all Wills recorded, hence have the name, occupation, residential address, and date of death of all Daws who left wills. This has helped with identifying the children and uncles of Francis Daws and his date of death. From these death dates I can apply for the Death Certificates and study newspaper entries, if recorded, for these events. This will take time and patience, which I hope to commence during the holidays.

Tanya has left the Public Service so my project to get the "Daws Family Tree" on Apple Disk has folded. In September Hans purchased a Commodore Computer and a Printer so he is trying to write a program to enable our Family facts to be put onto a program to print it. Ian, our son-in-law, has purchased an Amstruc

Printer so may use this to print a first draft early in the New Year.

I decided last week that I will go overseas next year to continue research into the Peter Budge, Daws & Sorelson Family Trees, I am following. Heir's suddenly decided that he would go to Europe to see his sister and family again, so we decided to go at the same time. We spent two weeks in September following my father's mother's early life in S.E. South Australia. We actually located the remains of the home where my grandparents were married and where grandmother had lived since she was 3-4 years old. The stone chimney stood stark, alone in the middle of a very large pastoral paddock. My emotions could not be described when we stumbled upon this sight. To me these finds and facts are equally important and moving as the recording of personal details. I hope to continue such research in Victoria of my Daws relatives.

We'll be pleased to hear just what you discovered and saw in your movements around England. We'll see you both before we go for some general hints & advice so that I do not cover the same ground again as you researched.

We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Regards to all

From Jay & Heir.